



Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number 0019, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Therefore, the present invention provides a rational construction technology of the airbag module, in which the cleaving action of the airbag cover is preferably controlled when the vehicle's airbag is inflated and deployed, ~~is provided~~.

Please replace paragraph number 0035, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At the positions where the two second linear grooves 104 ~~opposes~~ oppose, hinged portions 120 extending in parallel to the first linear groove 103 are provided on both sides of the first linear groove 103. The hinged portions 120 are thinned portions (portion to which mass-removal is done) which are relatively thinner than other portions of the airbag cover 100, and are recessed from the back surface 101 of the cover toward the front side. The hinged portions 120 are adapted to serve as hinge mechanism when the airbag cover 100 is torn along the tear line 102 and deployed. The hinged portions 120 correspond to "hinged portions" in the present invention.

Please replace paragraph number 0048, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 6, the airbag module is constructed mainly of the airbag cover 100 constructed as described above, the vehicle's airbag 150, the storage member (retainer) 142 in which the vehicle's airbag 150 is stored in the folded state, and gas supplying means (inflator) 144 built in the storage member 142 for supplying expansion gas to the vehicle's airbag 150. The cover 100 may be positioned in an instrument panel 140.

Please replace paragraph number 0049, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In case of the front collision of the vehicle, the gas supplying means 144 is activated and the vehicle's airbag 150 is deployed by the expansion gas supplied from the gas supplying means 144. The airbag cover 100 is torn along the substantially H-shaped tear line 102 upon inflation and deployment of the vehicle's airbag 150, and a pair of deployment doors [[door]]

100a are brought into deployment like double doors (e.g., casement doors) ~~toward~~ away from the front surface of the cover.

Please replace paragraph number 0055, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 6, the vehicle's airbag 150 is deployed toward the outside of the airbag cover 100 through the deployment ~~[[door]]~~ doors 100a in the deployed state, and projects toward the occupant crash protection area 160 defined in front of the occupant into the inflated and deployed state.

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph number 0063:

Fig. 9 shows a further embodiment of an airbag cover 100 that is provided with a second recess 108. The depth of a bevel 108c in the second recess 108 in the direction of thickness (depth of thinning) increases step by step, as it gets closer to an end 108b of the first portion (as it extends away from the end 105b of the laser cut groove 105).

Please replace paragraph number 0064, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With the construction of the first recess 207 shown in Fig. 7, ~~[[and]]~~ the first recess 307 shown in Fig. 8 ~~as well, the second recess 108 shown in Fig. 9, and~~ as in the case of the first recess 107 in the present embodiment, such effect that the force exerted to the area of the end 105b of the laser cut groove 105 when the airbag cover 100 is torn can be dispersed (absorbed) gradually is achieved. Although the state of gradual variations at the bevel 107a of the first recess 107 has been described in conjunction with Fig. 7 and Fig. 8, the state of gradual variations may be applied to the construction of the bevel 108a of the second recess 108, as shown in the example of Fig. 9.